

DCI Report on Results of 4-5 August Off-site Conference

At the Off-site Conference on 4-5 August 1983, seven major action items were identified as well as a number of others of lesser magnitude, but still of importance. Action has been taken, is completed, or is in process of implementation on most of these.

The statements of the impact of 4-8-12 percent budget reductions were formulated and discussed by the NFIC.

The question of the adoption by the Intelligence Community of uniform standards for personnel recruitment was taken up by the Security Committee. Consensus was not reached on the use of the CI polygraph as the main element in the SCI personnel security clearance certification. Because of the recent Congressional actions on this issue, further specific effort was deferred until the Spring of 1984. The Security Committee is still working, however, on trying to determine what actions the Community can possibly agree on with respect to adopting some uniform standards for personnel recruitment.

Other items have been addressed during the course of the budget cycle; for example, ensuring that analysis and production do not lose out to the big-ticket items; examining lower cost, smaller programs that could make significant contributions to the strategic weapons/arms control problem; and eliminating lower priority activities in order to ensure that adequate resources are devoted to those tasks that are most important.

Notable progress has been made in the exploitation of overt S&T intelligence information. An Executive Steering Group has been established under the Chairmanship of [redacted] Chairman of the HUMINT Committee, to guide the overall effort. Members of the Group are [redacted] Chairman of STIC; Dr. Julian Nall, NIO/S&T; [redacted] Executive Director, CIA; and [redacted] Assistant Vice Director for Scientific & Technical Intelligence, DIA. Among other actions, the Group will oversee the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report on the Processing of Overtly Collected Scientific & Technical Intelligence Information published by the HUMINT and Scientific & Technical Intelligence Committees. They have begun to examine machine-assisted translation of S&T materials, including [redacted] language acquisitions. They will also investigate computer-assisted translations, automatic abstracting, and computer-based information distribution concepts. In addition, [redacted] has been engaged as a technical consultant to the Steering Group.

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Finally, a means has been developed for assessing overall Intelligence Community performance and evaluating the effectiveness of collection system mixes against national intelligence information needs. The CIPC,

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supported by appropriate Intelligence Community elements and by an ad hoc group composed of senior officials representing the NFIC participants, is responsible for developing on an annual basis an assessment and evaluation of:

- o The status of our foreign positive intelligence effort in general for each Target/Topic area.
- o The relative impact of present and projected shortfalls within and across Target/Topic areas.
- o The extent to which each collection/processing/production program (present, programmed, developmental) within each collection discipline does or could contribute to our continuing needs and present or projected shortfalls.
- o The nature of the NFIP funding profile over the long term.

This evaluation will be submitted to NFIB and NFIC members for substantive and programmatic review, and to the SIG(I) to ensure a balanced perspective.

Based on the above four elements of the CIPC undertaking, the SIGINT Committee and COMIREX, in cooperation with NSA and NRO, will prepare a detailed time-phased plan to develop system-specific mix assessment methodologies based on their individual tasking and performance simulations. Each will propose independent mix assessment models geared to develop, as a minimum, a performance evaluation methodology that, by incorporating CIPC evaluation results, will be useful to the NFIC in system mix investment decisions.

The Chairman, CIPC, will convene a planning session with the SIGINT Committee and COMIREX Chairmen and designated senior representatives of the NRO and NSA to establish the definition of mix assessments, methodologies for assessment and evaluation, and a schedule for accomplishment. This group will develop a detailed plan and timetable by 15 January.

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